

House File 494 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring Iowa's public and private postsecondary
2 institutions to provide all newly admitted students with a
3 seminar relating to certain resources available to students.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2019, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. Develop and provide to any newly
4 admitted student a noncredit seminar on resources offered by
5 the community college, including but not limited to mental
6 health assistance, suicide prevention, dating violence and
7 information relating to the effects of dating violence, and
8 binge drinking and information relating to the effects of binge
9 drinking.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **261.16B Resources seminar.**

11 Any accredited private institution or eligible institution
12 as defined for purposes of this part shall develop and provide
13 to any newly admitted student a noncredit seminar on resources
14 offered by the institution, including but not limited to mental
15 health assistance, suicide prevention, dating violence and
16 information relating to the effects of dating violence, and
17 binge drinking and information relating to the effects of binge
18 drinking.

19 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
20 following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Require each institution of higher
22 learning governed by the board to develop and provide to any
23 newly admitted student a noncredit seminar on resources offered
24 by the institution, including but not limited to mental health
25 assistance, suicide prevention, dating violence and information
26 relating to the effects of dating violence, and binge drinking
27 and information relating to the effects of binge drinking.

28 Sec. 4. **STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED.** In accordance
29 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
30 community college compliance with any state mandate included
31 in this Act shall be moneys appropriated for general state
32 financial aid to merged areas and any other state and federal
33 moneys received for administration or student support,
34 which shall be deemed to meet all the state funding-related
35 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no specific

1 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of
2 this Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected
3 political subdivisions.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill requires the boards of directors of community
8 colleges and the state board of regents to direct their
9 community colleges and universities, and requires accredited
10 private institutions, to develop and provide to all newly
11 admitted students a noncredit seminar on resources offered by
12 the institution, including but not limited to mental health
13 assistance, suicide prevention, dating violence and information
14 relating to the effects of dating violence, and binge drinking
15 and information relating to the effects of binge drinking.

16 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
17 section 25B.3. The bill provides that the state cost of
18 requiring compliance of community colleges with any state
19 mandate included in the bill shall be moneys appropriated for
20 general state financial aid to merged areas and any other state
21 and federal moneys received for administration or student
22 support. The specification is deemed to constitute state
23 compliance with any state mandate funding-related requirements
24 of Code section 25B.2. The inclusion of this specification is
25 intended to reinstate the requirement of political subdivisions
26 to comply with any state mandates included in the bill.